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Freedom of Information Officer  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, D.C. 20460

BY EMAIL

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

EXPEDITED PROCESSING REQUESTED

Dear FOIA Officer:

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. Section 552 et seq. ("FOIA"), I request access to and copies of verification letters submitted by refiners seeking small refinery exemptions (as required under 40 CFR 80.1441) under the Renewable Fuel Standard ("the Records"). By way of additional information, these verification letters were initially required to be submitted by Aug. 31, 2007, under statute.

I am further requesting that the Records be provided to me on computer files or, if not maintained on computer files, in the same format as they are currently maintained at the Environmental Protection Agency.

I am a reporter for Bloomberg News, an accredited and recognized news-gathering organization. I request the Records to inform the public about matters of public concern. As a representative of the news media, I am only required to pay for the direct cost of duplication after the first 100 pages. Please waive all applicable fees. In the event a fee waiver is not granted, I agree to pay reasonable fees for the Records, including actual costs up to \$250. If you estimate that actual costs will exceed this amount, please contact me so that I may make the appropriate arrangements for payment.

I request that these materials be subject to expedited processing on an ongoing basis: Bloomberg News is engaged in the dissemination of information to the public and the subject matter related to this request – the viability of the Renewable Fuel Standard and the ability of small refiners to satisfy annual volume obligations established under the RFS -- is a matter of great public interest, debate and urgency. I certify that my statements concerning the need for expedited processing are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

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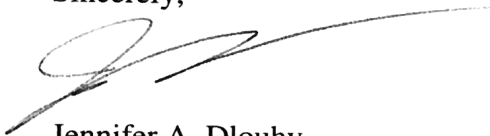
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Please contact me if I may assist in your office's response to this request. I can be reached at 202.807.2159 and [jdlouhy1@bloomberg.net](mailto:jdlouhy1@bloomberg.net). As I am making this request as a journalist and this information is of timely value, I would appreciate your communicating with me by telephone or email, rather than by mail, if you have questions regarding this request.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,



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